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legislation which is enacted by this body which does nothing and helps no one but it hurts no one but it does cost something. It will be extremely costly if you do in fact try to implement it. I do not think there has been any great rush to appropriate the money to the Secretary of State's Office, Allen Beermann's office, to provide the help necessary even to implement Initiative 300. I discussed that briefly with Mr. Oxtan of the Farmers Union. I do not know that he has had any help in that area. I have not reviewed the budget process. I apologize, I was not able to attend those meetings of the Budget Committee but I can tell you very frankly that it is going to require a substantial appropriation to provide for the implementation of Initiative 300. Since that constitutional amendment is supposed to solve the problems of corporate ownership of the land and property in the State of Nebraska, it seems ridiculous to continue to require the type of reporting which has never been followed up on under LB 587. We continually search for methods around this Legislature to save money. At the same time we turn right around and enact into law those provisions which require the expenditure of funds. Now you can't have it both ways. If you want to save money, then you recognize you must do away with those pieces of legislation which require the expenditure needlessly and uselessly and frivolously and that is exactly what we are doing here. No worthwhile good is accomplished by the continued enforcement of LB 587 and I can assure you that you are not going to have the funds over there to both enforce 587 and Initiative 300. The people have spoken on 300. I would suggest that we follow that to its limit and see what we can do with it but it makes no sense to duplicate those efforts by requiring Secretary of State, Allen Beermann, to try to put together the corporate list required by 587. It would be kind of interesting sometimes, you know it is awfully interesting the help we get. As I said many times on this floor, one of these days it is going to be a requirement that you can never serve in this body any capacity in which you had any experience. Farmers won't be able to serve on the Ag Committee. Bankers can't serve on Banking, et cetera, et cetera. I would suggest that you be reasonable and advance LB 587. I do not think it is going to cause one salty tear to be shed by anyone in the State of Nebraska and there might be a little bit of rejoicing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Kahle and then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, Senator Vickers is correct. My name is on this bill and it was supposed to be. I put